Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, We have been endowed not only with the blessings and benefits of our animal friends, who give us companionship and great pleasure in our daily lives, but also with a firm responsibility to protect these fellow creatures with which we share the earth from need, pain, fear and suffering; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize that teaching attitudes of kindness, consideration and respect for all living things through humane education in the schools and the community helps to provide the basic values on which a humane and civilized society is built; and,

WHEREAS, The people in the state of South Dakota are deeply indebted to their animal care and control agencies for their invaluable contribution in caring for lost and unwanted animals, instilling humane values in our children through humane education programs and promoting a true working spirit of kindness and consideration for animals in the minds and hearts of all people; and,

WHEREAS, The first full week of May has been set as the annual celebration of the national week observing the philosophy of kindness to animals:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 7 through 13, 1989, as

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in South Dakota, and do heartily recommend to all our citizens a full participation in all the events related thereto in this state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE